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Le Pen says far-right group is ‘first party of France’ as count points to regional election victory

Central banks told to be firm on rates

BIS urges policymakers not to be swayed by market volatility

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Further outflows likely as low oil price prompts institutions to pull money to support economies

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Draghi regains poise after market wobble

ECB head defends monetary stimulus after accusations that ‘Super Mario’ has lost his magic

Asian bourses gain as US rate rise looms

Odds of December move hit 80% after solid US jobs data suggest economy can handle increase

EU set to ease airline ownership rules

Drive to boost competitiveness of European aviation industry

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Japan’s recession to prove an illusion

Economy minister Akira Amari predicts upcoming GDP revision will show it avoided technical recession

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Borrowing costs for low-rated companies at highest since financial crisis

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Yemen governor killed in Isis attack

General Jaafar Mohammed Saad dies in car bombing on way to work

Nicaragua refuses to make climate pledge

Country is first to declare it has no intention of publishing a national plan

Business calls for global carbon pricing

Companies want framework to connect cross-border permit trading schemes

Republicans try to foil Obama on spending

Fight to approve priorities ahead of deadline this week

Pentagon to boost Europe budget

US seeks to expand military presence in response to Moscow's confrontation with Ukraine

COMPANIES NEWS

Glencore to cut debt ahead of schedule

Resources group plans to reassure investors and highlight progress with disposal programme

Start-ups waiting 'way too long' to list

Google Ventures head says companies will wish they had gone public earlier

Sony's PlayStation 4 hits sales records

Console expected to exceed PS2 on back of exclusive deals with leading gaming companies

Avon chairman to open talks with activists

Barington demands cost cutting and management changes in struggling North American business

Taiwan's chipmakers push for China thaw

Semiconductor designers want policy change to allow investment from mainland companies

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Small groups hit out at UK standards board

Companies say they cannot afford to join 'good practice' debate

BoE backs all UK insurers on capital

No group has received a rejection letter on plans to use their own Solvency II models after EU rules

Rating agencies 'not biased against' EMs

BIS paper finds no unfair treatment, but argument rages on

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Barack Obama's Achilles heel on terrorism

His air of detachment has fed the perception that he is indecisive — or worse, reactive over Isis

Central banks wrong about room for action

The unresolved question is how policy can delay and ultimately contain the next recession

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I foresee a gradual erosion of the EU that leaves it as a glorified free-trade zone

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Music from the UK aims for maximum palatability, writes Ludovic Hunter-Tilney

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Bringing in a star manager in Marissa Mayer for a corporate reboot was always a dicey strategy

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